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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 16 Sep 1993 01:05:31 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!csn!news.sinet.slb.com!news.San-Jose.ate.slb.com!
jones@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: AA7BQ
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Shawn Rutledge (Shawn.Rutledge@p0.f24.n114.z1.fidonet.org) wrote:
: Does anybody have the number for the AA7BQ bbs? I lost it.

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: The real reason I want it is because I think it had a repeater list
: online. If anybody knows where I can get an Arizona repeater list
: electronically that would be great too...

It's (602) 991-5952. By the way, Fred, AA7BQ, is the one who put together
the QRZ! CDrom. (I'm just a happy owner of a copy, but hoping that Fred
will decide to do an updated version after my new call gets in the data
base ;-)

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Disclaimer: The opinions expressed above are mine and not those of Schlumberger
because they are NOT covered by the patent agreement!

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Date: 15 Sep 93 11:31:44 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: arrgghh
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, alanb@sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom) writes:

>Derek Wills (oo7@emx.cc.utexas.edu) wrote:

>: reid@ucs.indiana.edu (Frank Reid W9MKV) reports:

>: >>"I can't send any more SOS's; the transmitter is broken," said Tom
>: >>remorselessly.

>: "Hold this cable", said Tom, coaxingly.

>: "I'll call you from Spratly Island", said Tom, expeditiously.

>: "How do you send my name in CW?", Tom asked, dashingly.

>"How do I get this HTX-202 to transmit on 150 MHz?" asked Tom modishly.

"I said that I'd call you on the .73 machine," repeated Tom.

"Perhaps I should have sent CQ again," Tom recalled.

"Okay, now hold the solder right there," said Tom heatedly.

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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1993 12:29:28 GMT
From: galaxy.ucr.edu!library.ucla.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!uchinews!cs.umd.edu!afterlife!admii!ovation!
ramcad.pica.army.mil!mellis@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: followup on non-license purchase of HTX202
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well, after reading all the responses to my post about Radio Shack
selling me a HTX-202 while I'm "pre-license", I bought it. The only
question the R&S guy had was "how many do you want?".

Amazing what buying a radio will do to accelerate the studying process.
I took & passed the Technician 9/13. Cool. So now I'm "license in waiting".

Thanks to all who responded.

.... Mark E. Ellis <mellis@ramcad.pica.army.mil>
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Date: 15 Sep 93 11:23:12 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: I can't find my original license
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, mas@porgy.jpl.nasa.gov (Marc A. Sarrel) writes:

>>>>> "Randy" == Randy <Randy@f121.n324.z1.fidonet.org> writes:

>Randy> Yes, as far as FCC issuing a replacement....just fill out form 610 and
>Randy> check off []Replacement lic.
>Randy> They will want an explanation why you don't have the original.

>
>I have a form 610 sitting here in front of me, but I don't see a box
>to check to get a replacement license. In section I, box 2, there are
>8 check boxes, A-H. The closest one I can see is: 2A. Renew
>license-no other changes. Is that the box I should check??

I remember a few years ago, when my license kinda disintegrated in my nasty old wallet, just writing a letter stating that my name was Brian J. Battles, that I held a valid Technician class FCC license which I received in mid-1976, call sign WA1YUA, and my current address was (whatever it was). They sent me a Form 610 and said just to fill it out like it was a license renewal, with the correct address. That's all it took. I didn't have to send in the "remnants" of my old license or explain anything other than that my old one was lost someplace.

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Date: 15 Sep 93 14:30:58 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: I can't find my original license
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, wier@merlin.etsu.edu (Bob Wier) writes:

>With all this talk about license replacements, I started looking
>for mine (last renewed 7 years ago). Couldn't find it so I called
>the Dallas FCC to get a form 610. Turns out the field offices
>don't send out the forms anymore. But you can call 202 632 3676 for
>form requests (so they said). I'm going to try that one tomorrow...

Or try 203-666-1541, send SMTP mail to Bob Inderbitzen,
rinderbitzi@arrl.org or 800-32-NEWHAM.

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Date: 15 Sep 93 10:30:11 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Is This SAFE?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, B10990@ANLVM.CTD.ANL.GOV writes:

>I managed to lose the original post, but it was in re to whether it's
>safe to purchase a home near what appears to be a microwave tower...
>... From a health concern standpoint, I'd have no qualms about living
>there. I would be concerned about the effect on the property value, however.

Gary,

Tsk-tsk...shame on you! This is just what most nosy crybaby nonham goobers
(whom we serve voluntarily and at our own expense in emergencies and otherwise)
whine about when they attempt to block amateurs from erecting antennas and
towers on their OWN property. I find a tall radio tower to be a sculpture of
unparalleled architectural beauty!

SHAME SHAME SHAME ON YOU!

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Date: 15 Sep 93 10:45:39 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Morris Code
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, sassociation@worldbank.org (Gene C. Miller) writes:

>In article <26dvdoINNfor@emx.cc.utexas.edu>, oo7@emx.cc.utexas.edu (Derek
>Wills) wrote:

>> robert@amanda.jpunix.com (robert somebody) complains:

>> >>In fact, one even referred to it as "Morris." What a sad commentary
>> >>on the educational ability of the Codeless Technician.

>> So? - some of us perfessas wotte is well edickated and wotte
>> is eggsta clarst, and use it nearly all the time at 30+ wpm,
>> call it Morris too. You know that Albert Vail died in Morris
>> County, doncha? Who needs any more prufe.

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>> And why do you think the people in rec.equestrian refer to their
>> animals as Horace? Well, then.

>>

>> Derek "Morris fur ever" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)

>Hmmm....I've been invited to an exhibition of Morris dancing. Should I
>go?...Gene (KD3LT)

Must be a form of tap dancing. But bring your Morris Cold Quay, just in
case.

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Date: Wed, 15 Sep 1993 17:04:04 GMT
From: uunet.ca!torn!watserv2.uwaterloo.ca!watmath!undergrad.math.uwaterloo.ca!
neumann.uwaterloo.ca!wewallac@uunet.uu.net
Subject: need expert info on nicads.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In the Oct 89 issue of RCM there is a design for a peak
detection charger which is a lot cheaper to build then
to buy a peak detection charger. I am currently working
on building a couple of them (to make it cheaper for my
friends and I.) I plan on keeping two or three for me.
One I will use for fast charging C sized batteries, and
another for medium speed charging A sized batteries/
fast charging 250 mAh batteries (ie radio and receiver
batteries.)

The only problem is that it isn't easy to change the

current, so I will actually need to fix that when building the circuit. The main parts are: 1 power mosfet (IRFZ40) and a 74HC4040. There is also a 7905, and an LM324, and a 5.1V zener. The way I plan on building it, will also include a 7812 (12V regulator) and a heat sink so that I can plug it into the car when driving and charge on the way to the field. The only problem is that you need to run it off a battery or a regulated power supply. Thats why I want the 7812 regulator (plus caps etc.)

Bill

Date: 15 Sep 1993 15:04:28 GMT
From: drt@athena.mit.edu
Subject: Neighborhood watch groups
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <274mfi\$2k0@crcnis1.unl.edu> mcduffie@unlinfo2.unl.edu (Gary McDuffie Sr) writes:

>Or...establish your OWN repeater.

> --Robert

Yeah! Then the crooks will have a central place to gather information!

Gary

And I thought the whole point of a neighborhood watch was to make quite sure the crooks know what's going on ... and keep out!

-drt

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David R. Tucker KG2S drt@athena.mit.edu

|'Most political sermons teach the congregation nothing except |
what newspapers are taken at the Rectory.' -C.S. Lewis

Date: 15 Sep 93 14:14:35
From: swrinde!sdd.hp.com!nigel.msen.com!ilium!rcsuna.gmr.com!rcsuna.gmr.com!

vbreault@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Radio Shack is people, too.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2470@indep1.UUCP> clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:

In article <VBREAUULT.93Sep13092739@rinhp750.gmr.com> vbreault@rinhp750.gmr.com (Val Breault) writes:

>In article <2468@indep1.UUCP> clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:

> There is now a codeless technician license. This is probably due at least

> in part to the fact that Ed Juge, W5T00, Radio Shack bigwig in charge of
> finding new markets and filling their needs, was on the committee which
> recommended the codeless technician license. (Wonder how he voted? :-)
>

>hf, I still think that the codeless technician license is a great way
>for folks to get into amateur radio. The fact that Radio Shack (or
>Icom or Kenwood or Yaesu....) can profit from that change is irrelevant.

But the fact that two of the committee members had a conflict of interest here (i.e., high-level people with an interest in selling mass quantities of ham gear) is not irrelevant. You make it sound as though you believe that the end justifies the means.

I don't give a good rip if Ed Juge believed in no-code since he was knee-high to a dandelion; if he's influential in marketing in a huge organization with a vested financial interest in seeing the no-code proposal go through, it's a conflict of interest. The least he could have done would have been to decline, but recommend someone else he knew who supported the proposal but had no vested interests elsewhere; I'm sure he'd have been influential enough to get that person on the committee.

Hmmm... You make a good point there Cliff. While usually quite the cynic, I have been known to have fits of naivete`.

I can see where there COULD be a conflict of interest and recommending another person would have been a suitable way to handle such a condition PROVIDING there actually WAS a conflict of interest. I cannot say as I was not there. In fact, my only knowledge of the whole affair is through your statement reproduced above. Perhaps another person on the net can provide additional supporting information.

>I'm encouraged to learn that there is a ham that works for a mass marketer
>who is in a position to fill the needs of the amateur radio community.

He helped MAKE that need before he filled it. It's possible that he helped make that need just so he COULD fill it.

Possible, yes. But I can not go so far as to agree that he had personal gain in mind without more information. Some people are better able to

Perhaps the best person to answer that charge would be Ed Judge himself. That failing, perhaps someone else that sat on that committee.

Lacking that, all we have are rumors and innuendo. While not foreign to this newsgroup, it is something I am not very good at and will decline further comment.

I beg your understanding.

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Val Breault - N80EF - vbreault@gmr.com \ / |
Instrumentation dept GM NAO R&D Center \ / |
My opinions are not necessarily those of \ _ |
GMR nor of the General Motors Corporation V _ |

Date: 15 Sep 93 10:38:24 EDT
From: psinntp!arrrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Repeater Directories?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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>>won't tolerate Spanish on their machines, it's quite understandable that
>>the Hispanics would want to start machines of their own. For better or
>>worse, monolingualism is finally dying in the US. Get used to it.
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Why, what's wrong with Mongolians? Why some of my best fr...OH, wait, that's not "mongolianism," it's "monolingualism." Ahem. Never mind...

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Date: 16 Sep 93 11:36:00 GMT

From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: S21ZD and DXCC status
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In September last year I operated as S21ZD from Bangladesh. In the week of operating that I was allowed I made some 1000 contacts. Many of these QSOs have now QSLed and I get the impression that in most cases one of the main motivations is to get S2 for DXCC. In this months RSGB magazine Radio Communications I notice a short report that S21ZK has had it's operation approved for DXCC purposes. Now the question. If S21Zk found it necessary to get his operation approved and he operated after I did, then do I need to do the same?

I do not want anyone to send in a card from myself and then have it returned as not acceptable because I had not had the operation approved.

Can someone advise me please on whether I need to contact the ARRL and if possible, who. All the necessary documentation is available if it is needed

Thanks

Bob Harris G4APV / S21ZD / VK3EVP

E-mail R.G.Harris@SHU.AC.UK

(Hopefully this posting will make it)

Date: Thu, 16 Sep 93 20:08:42 GMT
From: mercury.hsi.com!a3bee2.radnet.com!cyphyn!randy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: There goes the rest of 20M
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

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: I've read the first part of Part 97, I don't see in there anywhere a
: mandate to preserve antique methods. On the contrary, I see in there
: statements about advancing the radio art, public service, expansion
: of the reservoir of trained operators and trained technicians, and
: maintenance of international good will. Increasing our capabilities
: by increasing throughput seems central to our charter.
:
: > Amateurs as a group used to be people who found creative and innovative
: >ways around communications problems. Now it appears the group has turned to
: >whining that they're not getting their way with their chosen mode of
: >operation, and demanding that everyone else get out of their way.
:

from the 30's through the 50's. If you do find Carl, tell him
I'm doing quite well in engineering in spite of his controls course...

Bill Chidester KE4WS
UC EE '73
bill@hpuorfl.ssr.hp.com

Date: 16 Sep 1993 22:44:07 GMT
From: hal.com!darkstar.UCSC.EDU!cats.ucsc.edu!haynes@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Who Wrote Scratchi?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CDGp8t.8z4@srngenprp.sr.hp.com> donrm@sr.hp.com (Don Montgomery)
writes:

>
>Does anyone know who wrote the "SCRATCHI" column in the old CQ
>magazine? (This was back in the days when Wayne Green was editor).
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>I always thought Wayne himself wrote it, but others disagree. Anyone
>out there know?

Date: (null)
From: (null)
I remember a lot of debate about whether the Scratchi column was evil
poking fun at the Japanese-Americans (and this was 40 years before
"politically correct" became such an issue), or whether it was inoffensive
dialect humor. I guess the same could be argued about the "Heinrich
Schnibble" pieces in the old Saturday Evening Post.

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haynes@cats.ucsc.edu
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"Ya can talk all ya wanna, but it's dif'rent than it was!"
"No it aint! But ya gotta know the territory!"
Meredith Willson: "The Music Man"

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